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**Florida Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Florida, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 29, 2016. Precipitation estimates ranged from no rain in several locations to 2.71 inches in Port St. Lucie (St. Lucie County). The average mean temperatures ranged from 73°F in Jacksonville (Duval County) to 82°F in Key West (Monroe County). A much dryer week for most of the state left some farmers in the Panhandle hoping for more rain. Farmers in the central and southern parts of the state, however, were grateful to see some fields that had previously been flooded dry out this week.

Weekly Valencia orange harvest is about over for the season. Most packinghouses and processing plants have closed or are planning to close within a week.

With the season coming to an end, growers are turning their attention to next season’s crop. Most healthy trees are holding fruit golf ball size or larger. Many citrus growers are replacing trees or entire groves severely impacted by greening. As caretakers are taking out old non-productive trees, they are leaving younger healthy trees in hope of a productive crop next season. Other grove activities included irrigation, spraying, mowing, and brush removal.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/29/16

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	7	5	11
Short.....	29	26	34
Adequate	57	62	52
Surplus	7	7	3

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	For week ending		
	May 15, 2016	May 22, 2016	May 29, 2016
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia	2,458	1,220	215
Red Grapefruit.....	0	0	6
Honey tangerines	4	3	0
Total	2,462	1,223	221

Citrus

Temperatures were slightly above average this past week in citrus producing counties. Most days were in the mid to upper 80s, with a couple days in the lower 90s. The warmest temperature was in Dover (Hillsborough County) at 93.63 degrees. Rainfall amounts were typical for this time of the year. Eight of eighteen monitored stations had less than a tenth of an inch of rain. About half of the citrus growing counties had more than an inch. Rainfall was the highest in the southern citrus growing region. Joshua (DeSoto County) had the most at 2.11 inches, followed by Palmdale (Glades County) at 1.67 inches. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor last updated May 24, 2016, the complete citrus growing region is drought free.

Fruit and Vegetables

Potato harvest is ongoing in Flagler County. Watermelon harvest activities were reported in Levy County. Some vegetable fields in Martin County are being replanted due to previous week’s flooding. For the most part, vegetables in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, and St. Lucie Counties are nearly done. Growers are cleaning up fields and planting cover crops. Crops coming to market include bitter melon, boniato, cantaloupe, cucumbers, eggplant, okra, peppers, squash, tomatoes, and watermelon.

Livestock and Pastures

Some perennial pastures in Washington County are starting to show drought stress, and annual forage growth has been suppressed by the lack of rainfall. In Marion County though, farms have received rainfall and report pasture growth. Some low lying pastures in St. Lucie County still had water sitting in them from the previous week's rain. Cattle reported to be in mostly good condition.

Condition for week ending 05/29/16

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	5	28	61	6
Pasture & Range...	5	12	36	42	5

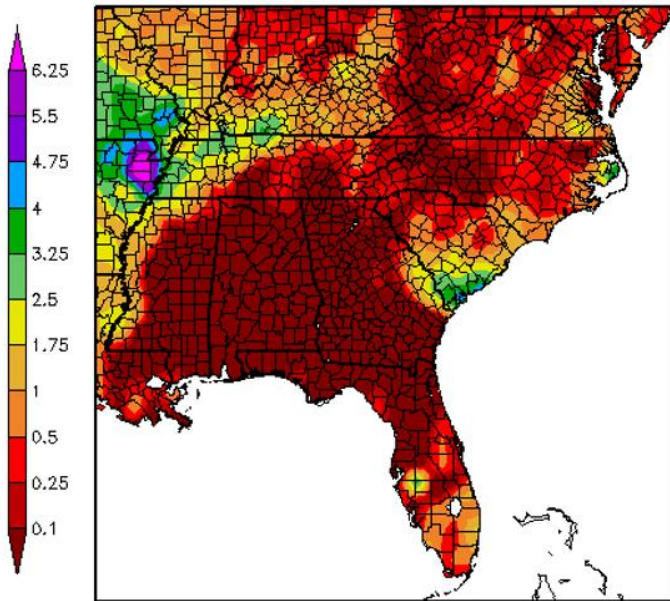
Field Crops

Spotty rainfall in the western Panhandle is producing some dry, adverse planting conditions and is impacting the corn crop. Peanut and cotton planting is well underway in Washington County, where some fields are experiencing thrips damage. Herbicides are being applied to peanuts in Jackson County. Haying activities reported in Dixie, Flagler, and Pasco Counties. Sugarcane harvest came to an end over a month later than normal due to delays resulting from excessive rains.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/29/16

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Peanuts - Planted.....	87	74	82	79

Precipitation (in)
5/24/2016 – 5/30/2016



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<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

U.S. Drought Monitor Florida



Intensity

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>